

# GREENBELT

## News Review

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### New Hours

Beginning March 1, 2000  
the office will no longer be  
open Monday nights.

**OFFICE HOURS**  
Monday: 2-4 p.m.  
Tuesday: 8-10 p.m.

## Crime Decreases in the City

by James Giese

The number of crimes dropped by 8% in 1999, the first decrease in crimes since 1996. This is the first year in which Greenbelt has followed the metropolitan and national trend of decreasing crime. All categories of class I crimes (the most serious) decreased in numbers last year except for auto thefts, which increased by 8%, a five year high. Crimes against persons (murder, rape, robberies and assaults) dropped by 18%, to the lowest level since 1996. Crimes against property (burglaries/breaking and enterings, theft, other than auto, and auto theft) dropped in number by 6%.

Comments accompanying the crime statistics prepared by the police department notes that the decline was experienced city wide with every sector having fewer crimes than in 1998. The majority of crime is concentrated in Greenbelt west (that part of the city west of Kenilworth Avenue) with 928 reported incidents or 54% of the total. Greenbelt east (that part east of the Baltimore-Washington Parkway) accounted for 26% of city crimes with 441 offenses and central Greenbelt had 20% of the crimes, 341, according to the comments.

In 1998, the crime rate for Maryland was 5.3 victims for ev-

ery 1,000 persons, according to the police department. That is the most recent year for which data is available. Greenbelt's rate was 7.7 per 1,000, higher than the county rate of 6.9 per 1,000. The comments contend that Greenbelt's crime rate falls virtually in the middle of crime rates for this area as it has historically, because crime rates within the Capital Beltway run higher than for areas outside the Beltway.

An undetermined variable that could also affect crime data is how well crime is reported within the city as compared to other jurisdictions and how well records of crime are kept among various jurisdictions.

### Murder

The city has had two murders in each year between 1995 and 1998. In 1999 there was only one murder and that was barely within the city's jurisdiction. On April 10 at about 3 a.m., Trung Duc Le of Takoma Park was shot and killed while driving onto the Beltway from the Baltimore-Washington Parkway after returning from a night club in Washington. His car was riddled with bullet holes. According to Greenbelt police spokesperson Officer George Mathews, the department's investigation is still

active, but no arrests have been made.

### Service Calls

Calls for service increased by 35% in 1999 over the previous year, and, according to the police comments, increased by 133% since 1995. The increase is attributed to closer ties to the community through community policing initiatives. In spite of service requests being higher, reports made by the police department on incidents dropped slightly, less than one percent. Two explanations for the growing difference between requests for service and reports taken that were put forth by the department: that officers are handling more quality of life issues that do not require law enforcement; and that officers are making better use of social referral programs outside of the criminal justice system.

### Arrests

For the second year in a row, the number of arrests made by department officers has dropped. The 833 adult arrests were 27% below the 1,138 arrests made in 1997 and the 411 juvenile arrests were 17% less. The number of traffic summonses issued also dropped by 44% in the two year period. The police comments suggest that the drop may be

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## Greenbelt Station Development Finds Beltway Access Crucial

by Virginia Beauchamp

(This is the final article of three summarizing the planning process by the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission's Planning Department concerning the Metro tract and the A. H. Smith properties, as well as the larger area of the Sectional Map Amendment that encompasses them.)

Suddenly, in the middle of October, 1998, with only three of the charrettes completed, circumstances changed completely for the planning group, when a consortium of private developers, Metroland Developers LLC, working secretly with the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA), revealed their intention to purchase the Metro site.

In a full-scale press conference in a tent adjacent to the Metro platform, the two groups set forth plans for joint development of the WMATA property and the contiguous A. H. Smith tract. What they proposed was an upscale retail mall to be called Greenbelt Station. There was to be a hotel, as many as four major department stores, and mixed-use office and residential property between Greenbelt Road and the Beltway.

At the lavish presentation attended by county and state political leaders, the developers gave out a glossy booklet prepared by

a California environmental company, EDAW. In full color, it showed the area, wetlands and flood plain transformed into an urban park with three ponds created along Indian Creek. Thus when the Sector Planning Group met again for their fourth charrette, on October 24, they listened raptly to an EDAW representative who was given time at the end of the planned agenda.

His discussion was meant to be reassuring. The design presented, he said, was merely a concept. Indeed, storm water management issues and possible wetland reclamations might alter the plans, he assured them.

Before his talk, the group had established a preferred concept plan; they came back together again on December 7 to appraise their achievements and sketch out the timetable for future actions.

At this meeting, for the first time, were representatives of the Anacostia Watershed Society, including its president, Robert Boone. Not privy to the long process of resolving differences of opinion among the diverse group, which had established its own protocol and cooperative mode, Boone shouted down every other speaker, brooking comments from no one and castigating the group for the plan they had developed.

Primarily he objected to a pro-

posed north-south internal road east of the railroad track to provide access for residents from Greenbelt Road to the Metro station. Considered necessary by Greenbelters to relieve congestion on Cherrywood Lane, its design and location were nevertheless looked on as problematic for its potential impact on the environmental envelope.

All participants had agreed that such a road must be developed with special sensitivity.

### CCRIC

As planning meetings progressed, a few local citizens became increasingly concerned about the environmental impact of the Greenbelt Station proposal, with its highrises and major department stores. They were particularly outraged by the idea of taming the wild wetlands region on the Smith tract into a suburban park.

In late January 1999, inspired

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### What Goes On

Fri., Feb. 25, 6:30 p.m.  
Dedication of Greenbelt  
Theatre marquee

Mon., Feb. 28, 7:30 p.m.  
Reception, ACE Educators,  
Municipal Building

8 p.m. City Council  
meeting, Municipal Building

## Super Tuesday Primary Is Coming to Greenbelt

by Elaine Skolnik

Greenbelt's registered voters will be trekking to the polls to vote in the presidential primary on Tuesday, March 7. Meanwhile, coordinators for a host of candidates are preparing for the usual frenzy of electioneering over the next 10 days. Although the Maryland and Prince George's County Election Boards and many individual candidates are posting information on web sites, traditional campaign strategies of brochure distribution, telephone calls and door-knocking will probably be employed as well to lure the electorate to the polls.

So far interest in the upcoming primary here has been lackluster. However, the city's political pundits opine that the outcome of the South Carolina, Arizona and Michigan primaries could pump up excitement among hometown voters by March 7, when Maryland and 14 other states hold elections on what is dubbed "Super Tuesday." In these states there have been bruising battles for the Republican presidential nomination between Arizona Senator John McCain and Texas Governor George W. Bush. Alan Keyes has run a distant third.

On the Democratic side former New Jersey Senator Bill Bradley, is challenging Vice President Al Gore for the presidential nomination.

In the U.S. Senate race, Maryland Democrats Sidney Altman and George English are running against incumbent Senator Paul Sarbanes. The Republicans have eight candidates in this race: Robin Ficker, Howard David Greyber, Ross Z. Pierpont, Paul A. Rappaport, Rob Sabhani, John Stafford, Kenneth Timmerman, and Ken Wayman.

House of Representatives incumbent Steny H. Hoyer is being challenged by Democrat Bruce M. Ross. Thomas E. "Tim" Hutchins of La Plata is the only candidate on the Republican ticket.

On the convention front, the Republicans will gather from July 31 to August 3 in Philadelphia. The Democratic convention will be held August 14-18 in Los Angeles.

Polls will be open on election day from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the four precincts that serve Greenbelt. Eligible voters living in central Greenbelt, Precinct 3, will vote at the Community Center; North End voters, Precinct 6, at the Greenbelt Elementary School; Springhill Lake voters, Precinct 8, at Springhill Lake Elementary School; Greenbelt East voters, Precinct 13, at Eleanor Roosevelt High School.

Any registered voter who has doubts about where to vote may obtain additional information by calling the Prince George's Board of Elections at 301-952-3270.

## Census 2000 Questions Arrive Here Mid-March

April 1, 2000 is Census Day, and all citizens are asked to participate.

For the 22nd time in the nation's history, a census of the population will be conducted. The decennial census is conducted every 10 years, as mandated by the Constitution. The first census was conducted in 1790, and counted a U.S. population of fewer than 4 million.

The census is an important tool for public decision-making.

The results of the census count provide the basis for the apportionment of congressional seats, the designation of legislative districts, and school boundaries. The census helps determine the distribution of over \$185 billion in federal funding. For every Marylander counted in the 1990 census, the state received \$1,035 in federal funding.

Even though the census is

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## Poll Reveals Telework Favored over Commute

by Barbara Young

Greenbelters choosing to fill out the election day telework questionnaire last November 2 were overwhelmingly in favor of state legislation offering financial incentives to promote telework, and in favor of the Greenbelt City Council's promotion of telework as an alternative to commuting. The 471 responses represent 24 percent of the 1,996 who voted in the election. Those voting "yes" amounted to 85% of the 471 responses given, and the same percentage said they were inter-

ested in teleworking themselves.

The questionnaire was prepared by Gil Weidenfeld, program administrator and telework coordinator for the Maryland Department of Transportation. Most respondents (53%) said they work in Prince George's County, followed by the District of Columbia (25%) and most have a commute of 15 minutes or less and drive a distance of 10 miles or less. Not surprisingly, 67% of respondents said they get to work by driving alone in their car.

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## Nursery School Adds Two New Teachers

by Altoria Bell Ross

On Saturday, February 26, prospective students and their parents will meet the newest teachers at the Greenbelt Nursery School and Kindergarten.

Lisa Meyer and Barbara Starbird bring to the school varied skills and experience. Meyer, whose own children were students at the school, helped out as a co-oping parent and a board member. In 1997, Meyer, who has a bachelor's degree in psychology from the University of Maryland, joined the school as a staff substitute and worked as a teaching assistant.

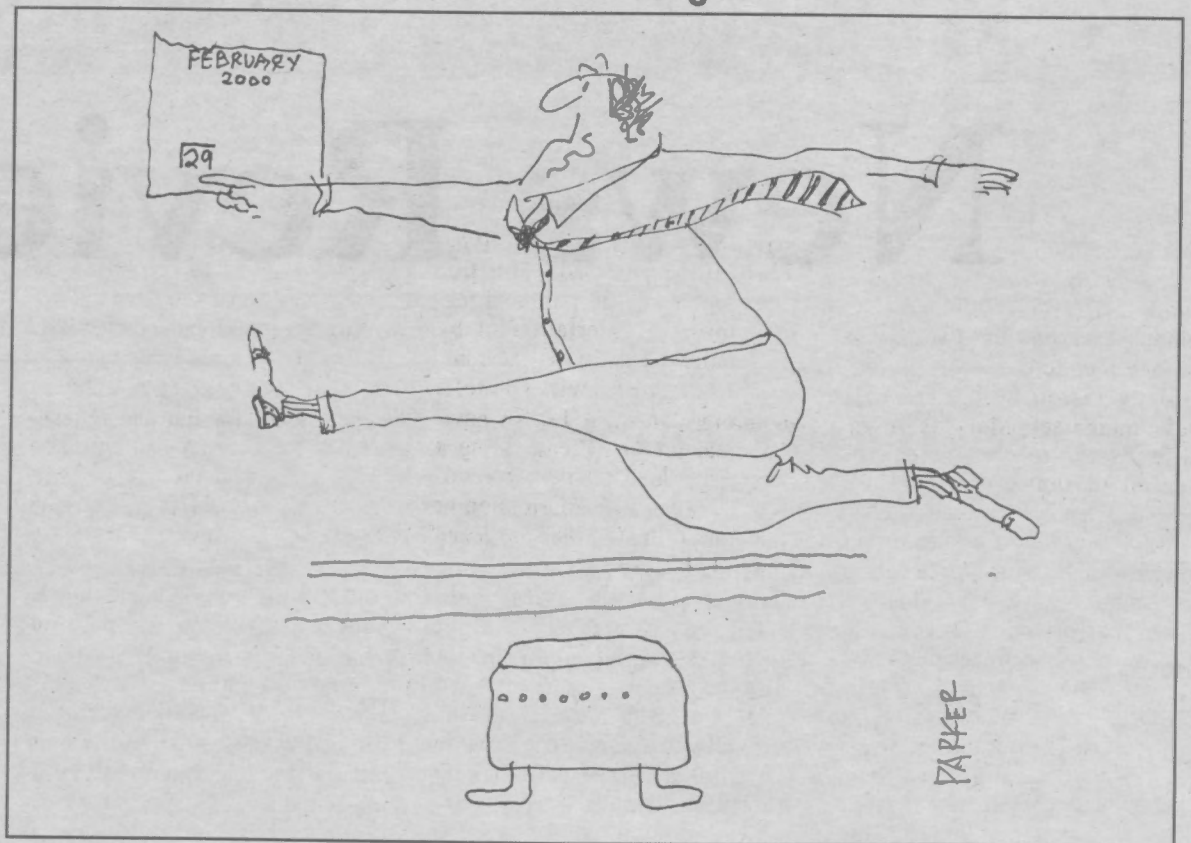
Last fall, the Greenbelt resident started teaching the two and three-day morning nursery school classes while completing a 90-hour course in early childhood development.

Meyer holds many aspirations for her students. "I hope to encourage children's natural curiosity, foster a love of learning, and help them develop social skills," she said.

Starbird gained both her academic and teaching experience outside of Maryland. A graduate of Gordon College in Wenham, MA, with a bachelor's degree in early childhood education, she taught nursery school and kindergarten in New York, among other places. Her favorite class was the International Playgroup in Manhattan that served as an overflow institution for the United Nations, said Starbird, who has one grown son.

The Greenbelter, who started teaching locally in December, said she desires much for her students. "I want them to love books and reading," Starbird said. "I want them to feel loved, appreciated, validated for who they are and at the same time to learn to make and keep friends and to enjoy learning in groups."

Those interested in meeting these and the other teachers and seeing the school, are encouraged to come to 15 Crescent Road from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. during the open house.



"It's Leap Year!"

## Kennedy Center Seeks Artists

The Kennedy Center's "Performing Arts for Everyone" initiative, offering hundreds of free performances to the public, is looking for local and regional artists who would like to appear during the 2000-2001 season. Those interested are asked to submit performance information and related materials by February 29 for review. Approximately 400 individuals and groups will be selected.

Applications will be considered from jazz, blues, classical, and rock musicians and from dancers and dance troupes whose repertory is international, ethnic, classical or modern. The Center is also accepting applications from performers including performance artists, and performers who work in the spoken word. Performers are sought for the Kennedy Center Holiday Celebration in December. Programs should be suitable for family entertainment.

To hear a recording explaining the artist review process, prospective performers may call 202-416-8299. Information is also posted on the Kennedy Center Web Site: [www.kennedy-center.org/state/millennium](http://www.kennedy-center.org/state/millennium).

## City Endorses Bills as Revenue Source

The City of Greenbelt has gone on record in support of two proposals before Congress: the Conservation and Reinvestment Act (H.R. 701 and S. 25) and Permanent Protection for America's Resources 2000 (H.R. 798 and S. 446). The bills propose re-allocating a portion of the revenue received by the federal government for oil and gas development in the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS).

According to the Bethesda-based Wildlife Society's Policy Director, Thomas M. Franklin, in a letter to Mayor Judith Davis, "Both bills will help local governments provide public services and needed infrastructure at a time when state revenues are declining and the public's need for services is increasing." For this reason Mayor Davis believes that these initiatives could become possible sources of funds for acquisition of the Jaeger tract and the preservation and restoration

of wetlands on the A.H. Smith property near the Greenbelt Metro Station.

Under these proposals the State of Maryland could receive up to \$18 million a year that could be used for a broad variety of environmental purposes. These include coastal restoration, fish and wildlife conservation, environmental education, and outdoor recreation programs. Other purposes designated under the program are ecotourism and the building of new outdoor recreation facilities and services or improving those already existing.

Local governments throughout Maryland could receive 50% of these funds. A portion of the outdoor recreation funds would go directly to cities for development of parks, trails, playing fields, picnic areas, and other facilities. Other funds would be available to local governments through a competitive grants program.



Barbara Starbird, left, and Lisa Meyer, right, are the newest teachers at the Greenbelt Nursery School and Kindergarten.

## Teachers Honored as "Outstanding"

Three Greenbelt teachers working together were named Outstanding Educators at the 17th Annual Outstanding Educators' Awards Dinner Honoring Excellence in Education. The dinner, sponsored by the Prince George's County Chamber of Commerce, was held on February 15 at the Greenbelt Marriott. Laura Grace, director of Academy Programs, Eleanor Roosevelt High School; Letitia Bryce, school counselor, Greenbelt Elementary School; and Chontell Richardson, test/curriculum coordinator, Greenbelt Elementary School, were nominated by the Prince George's County Career Connections Office.

These three educators were selected for having played a significant role in helping to bring about total school reform at Greenbelt Elementary School. As a result, there has been an increase in student achievement as measured by higher test scores, teacher satisfaction, and parent and community involvement in the school. The reform model, which they have been instrumental in developing and instituting, is being used to guide the way for other county elementary schools to implement initiatives such as career connections; multicultural education and character education.

The award stated: "This dynamic trio has helped students, school staffs, parents, and the

community-at-large understand the relevance of academics to career choices."

The Chamber of Commerce, which recognizes the importance of an educated workforce to aid the county into the new millennium, has created this award ceremony to honor persons who have demonstrated and presented significant contributions to the quality of education in the county schools.



## Greenbelt Police Department CITIZENS' ACADEMY

Get a behind the scenes view of what it is like to be a police officer. The Greenbelt Police Department is offering a twelve-week program Tuesday evenings, 6:30pm-9:30pm beginning March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2000

Become more active in crime prevention in your community. Learn about police procedures, traffic stops, accident investigation and more through guest speakers, practical demonstrations and field demonstrations.

Contact Support Services at 301-507-6513 for an application.

CLASS SIZE IS LIMITED TO 20.  
Application deadline is February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2000



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## Golden Age Club

by Ruth Huggins  
Vice President Nick Pergola presided over the February 16 birthday party meeting. Ellie Rimar, Membership chair, announced that there were 20 Goldenagers with birthdays in February. Three celebrants were present: Betty Maher, Pearl Siegel and Jane Smidinger. The birthday drawing was won by Jane Smidinger. Florence Holly reminded everyone that "today we are one minute closer to Spring."

Betty Petroff, Sunshine chair, welcomed back Mary Gardner. Ellie Rimar said "Uncle" Joe wanted to thank members for their calls and get-well cards.

John Taylor, Travel chair, said that those who went on Tuesday's trip had an enjoyable time, but due to lack of interest, he has had to cancel the March 9 Flower Show trip. He is still taking names for the April 4 Charlie Prose trip and the Nova Scotia trip scheduled to begin on September 8.

The 50/50 drawing was won by Jane Smidinger and Vita Pergola.

## Our Neighbors

Our sympathy to Margaret Lundregan and family on the death of her husband and their father, Kenneth N. Lundregan.

Condolences to Dorothy Kennedy and family on the death of her husband, Gilbert J. Kennedy.

Marcela C. Smid of Mandan Road has been named to the Dean's List for the 1999 fall semester at Case Western University, Cleveland, OH.

Megan Marie Thomas of Hanover Parkway was named to the Dean's List of Lafayette College, Easton, PA.

Congratulations to both.

## Arts Center Presents Two Celtic Concerts

by Trix Whitehall  
What better way to celebrate St. Patrick's Day than to enjoy lively Ceilidh music? On Friday and Saturday evenings, March 17 and 18 you'll get your chance. After a year's absence the Homespun Ceilidh Band, Skye Gathering and Mac-Talla will once again grace the stage of the Arts Center with their unique blend of song, story and tunes.

The Homespun Ceilidh Band, appearing both nights, is a ten member "big band" led by Greenbelter John Ward, an award winning fiddler, well known in the area's Scottish music scene. The band plays foot-stomping, get-up-and-dance music from Ireland, Scotland, Brittany, the Isle of Man, Galicia and Wales, with an occasional French Canadian or Scandinavian tune thrown in. The large collection of instruments played by this group ranges from fiddles and drums to viola da gamba and hammered dulcimer. The band is recording its first album and has appeared from D.C. to Virginia Beach at concerts, parties and festivals.

Jennifer Silverman, one of the band's drummers, is also an Irish dancer and she will do some step dancing in honor of the season. Trix Whitehall the other drummer and band's singer, has written "Mrs. Murphy's Band," a new song which will premiere at the concert. (Who is Mrs. Murphy? You'll have to attend to find out.) On Friday evening only, Trix will make her first foray into storytelling with a magical tale from Ireland.

# Community Events

## Mishkan Torah Hosts Cafe Tzedakah

Come out and enjoy another Cafe Tzedakah on Saturday, February 26, at Mishkan Torah Synagogue, 10 Ridge Road. This free event begins at 7:30 p.m. and features musical entertainment by Steve Feinberg and Greg Marsh.

The evening will benefit Shomrei Adamah, a Jewish environmental group. Please bring a nonperishable food item for admission. For more information or directions contact Mishkan Torah at 301-474-4223.

## Genealogical Society Meets March 1

The Prince George's County Genealogical Society will meet Wednesday, March 1, 7 p.m. at the Greenbelt Library, at 11 Crescent Road. The speaker will be Craig Roberts Scott, whose topic will be National Archives Military & Medical Records Research.

Scott was the co-editor of Northern Virginia Genealogy (1987 - 1995). He is the author of "The Lost Pensions: Settled Accounts of the Act of April 6, 1838," and "Records of the Accounting Officers of the Department of the Treasury, Inventory 14 (Revised)." He has been a professional genealogical and historical researcher for more than 14 years. He specializes in the records of the National Archives, especially those that relate to the military.

There is no charge and the meeting is open to the public. For information call 301-262-0865.

## Open House Planned By Nursery School

On Sunday, February 27, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Mishkan Torah Nursery School, 10 Ridge Road, will hold an Open House. The curriculum encourages emotional, social, cognitive and physical development, creativity and positive self-esteem.

Families are invited to the February 27 open house for fun and refreshments, or parents may call and drop by with their child on a school day. Registration for fall 2000 is now in progress for two, three and four year olds.

For information, contact Bonnie Korr, director, at 301-474-4224 or 301-277-8615.

## Star Gazing Event On February 26

The Greenbelt Astronomy Club will hold a star gazing session on Saturday, February 26 at the Thomas N. Wolfe ball field (Northway Fields) at the end of Northway. The event, which begins at dusk, is scheduled to last until at least 10:30 p.m. Local amateur and professional astronomers will be on hand with a variety of telescopes and binoculars to share views of Jupiter with its moons, Saturn with its rings, the great constellation of Orion, globular star clusters, double stars, nebula and more. A brief tour of the night sky will also be given. The event is free and open to the public.

An additional star gazing session at Northway Fields is scheduled for March 4.

Star Parties and the Weather: Since star parties are dedicated to observing the night sky, they will only be held if the sky is clear enough to permit observing. Star parties will not be held if skies are overcast or mostly cloudy. If in doubt call 301-277-4041 and leave a message.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Greenbelt Astronomy Club will be held on Thursday, March 30, 7:30 p.m. at the H. B. Owens Science Center. Member Bill McHale will discuss the Messier List of deep sky objects, what they are and how to observe them. The public is invited to attend.

## Teen Job Fair At Springhill Lake

The Greenbelt Recreation Department is sponsoring its fourth Annual Job Fair for teens at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center on Saturday, March 4 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Representatives from at least 29 nonprofit and private businesses will be present. Light refreshments, including pizza, will be served to those who attend.

Some of the organizations participating have community service openings through which students may fulfill their graduation community service requirements.

In addition, private business representatives will be considering the hiring of qualified students for summer and weekend employment.

A third component of the Fair is to provide registration for the Greenbelt Moving Ahead Program (GMA), which will be held at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center on Saturday mornings during the school year starting September 16. The program will provide tutoring, guidance in filling out job and college applications, information on available financial aid and assistance in preparing for SAT exams. Note that a GMA program from last year's Fair is currently operating and interested students may now attend.

Teens are encouraged to bring their parents or other adult relatives so that they may get a better understanding about the benefits and responsibilities associated with community service and employment for those eligible.

## New Deal Café Holds Cleaning Party

Workers at the New Deal Café say they're getting close to opening. On this Saturday, February 26, the crew will hold a cleaning party to which everyone is invited.

To participate, bring brooms, mops, sponges and cleaning solutions. But please call ahead at 301-474-5642 to confirm a time for helping.



## Mishkan Torah Nursery School

10 Ridge Road, Greenbelt, MD  
Openings Available  
for 2, 3 and 4 year olds.

### Open House

Sunday, February 27  
11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Fun and Refreshments

Registration for fall 2000 now open  
for 2, 3 and 4 year olds

We welcome children of all backgrounds.

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## At the Library

### Children's Programs

Tuesday, February 29, P.J. Storytime, 7 p.m. for ages 4-6.

Thursday, March 2, Drop-In Storytime, 10:15 a.m. for ages 3-5. Toddler Time, 11:15 a.m. for two-year-olds and parent or caregiver.

## Medical Records Topic Of "Explorations" Talk

On Friday, March 3, Explorations Unlimited presents "Your Medical Records. The presenter will be Esther L. Malaspina, former chief of the Medical Records Department of the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS).

Some of the concerns that Malaspina will address at "Explorations" on March 3 are: "Your Medical Records, What you don't know, can hurt you! Your medical records may be controversial and questionable. Has technology invaded your privacy?"

"Explorations Unlimited" is a speaker series held every Friday from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Center. This presentation will be held in the Senior Classroom. Everyone is welcome and questions are encouraged. Please call 301-397-2208.

## GHI Notes

Blood pressure testing from 2 - 4 p.m. March 1 in the Board room.

Selling members should remind realtors and prospective purchasers of the pre-purchase orientation meetings during March. See ad elsewhere in this issue of the News Review.

Regular Board of Directors meetings in March are scheduled for Thursdays 9 and 23 at 7:30 p.m. in the GHI Board Room. Members are encouraged to attend.

## Greenbelt CARES

Wendy Wexler accompanied four CARES Family Clinic counselors to conduct individual interviews of students at Eleanor Roosevelt High School on February 15 and 17. The students will form two groups focused on anger management.

## OLD GREENBELT THEATRE Week of February 25 TOPSY TURVY (R)

Friday: SPECIAL NOSTALGIA SHOW! TONIGHT ONLY! Join us for a trip back in time with the Dedication of our new Art Deco Sign at 6:30. This will be followed by a Shirley Temple look alike contest at 7:20—Next we will have a special showing of the first film to play here: Shirley Temple in LITTLE MISS BROADWAY (1938) at 7:30. Admission is free! Courtesy of the City of Greenbelt.

Topsy Turvy 9:20 only  
(regular admission)

Saturday Topsy Turvy (1:30,  
4:45 @ \$4.00) 8:00

Sunday Topsy Turvy (1:30,  
4:45 @ \$4.00) 8:00

Mon., Tues., Wed. Topsy  
Turvy 7:30

Thursday Ends Tonight!  
Topsy Turvy 7:30

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## Greenbelt Arts Center

presents

### Two Great Musical Weekends in March

#### The Maryland Boy Choir

Saturday, March 11, 2000 8 PM

Friday & Saturday evenings,

March 17 & 18, 2000 8 PM

\$10/\$8 for students & seniors - Reservations: (301) 441-8770

... For more information, see articles in this issue ...

#### Celtic Concerts

Featuring Homespun Ceilidh Band, & Skye Gathering

Story Teller Trix Whitehall (Friday eve only);

Mac-Talla (Saturday evening only)



## OBITUARIES



### Gilbert J. Kennedy

Gilbert J. Kennedy, 77, died at home on February 18, 2000 after a short illness. Because his wife had fallen and was hospitalized with a broken hip and was going to be sent to a rehab center, arrangements were made to place them together in the rehab center. Mr. Kennedy died as the ambulance pulled in to take him to the center.

Born in Washington, D.C., Mr. Kennedy was the youngest of a large family. He graduated from Gonzaga High School. He served in the U.S. Army in World War II. His sister, who worked for Selective Service, had volunteered him. After the war he worked for the Department of Defense as a civilian logistician.

He and his wife, Dorothy Bohne Kennedy, moved to Boxwood Village when it opened in 1965.

Mr. Kennedy was a member of St. Hugh's parish and of the Knights of Columbus. He belonged to American Legion Post 136.

He is survived by his wife of the home address, son, Craig Kennedy and daughter Eileen Warren, a grandson, William Kennedy, brother Edmund Kennedy and sisters Kathleen Leibold, Mary Oyler and Cecelia Kennedy.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held at St. Hugh's Church Thursday, February 24. Interment was at Gate of Heaven Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Marian Helpers, Stockbridge, MA 03263.

### Kenneth N. Lundregan

Kenneth N. Lundregan, a long-time Greenbelter, died on February 20, 2000. A victim of Alzheimer's, he had been a resident of Charlotte Hall Veterans Home for several years.

Mr. Lundregan was born in Pittsfield, MA. He served in the Navy during World War II. In 1956 he began a 35 year career with Citizens Bank of Maryland. He was a bank auditor.

The Lundregans raised their family in Greenbelt, moving first to 10 court Southway in 1955. They later lived on Lakeside Drive for many years and in 1977 moved back to Greenbelt Homes in the 13 court of Ridge Road. He loved Greenbelt. Neighbors remember him putting around the yard and working on the wood pile. He was a long time member of St. Hugh's parish and served as usher in the church for many years. Mr. Lundregan was also a member of American Legion Post 136 for many years.

Mr. Lundregan is survived by his wife Margaret, of the home, sons Michael and Richard and daughters Kathleen Gregory, of Greenbelt, and Karen Guzel; brothers Ralph, John and Paul; and grandchildren Rebecca, Kelli and Ryan Lundregan and Matthew, Megan and Brian Gregory.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated Friday, February 25, at 11 a.m. at St. Hugh's Catholic Church. Interment will be in Gate of Heaven Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Charlotte Hall Veteran's Home, Assistance Program Fund, Alzheimer's Unit.

### Public Invited To Shabbaton

"Male and Female in Yiddish Life" will be the theme of a Shabbaton (Saturday morning service) at Mishkan Torah on Saturday, March 11, from 9:30 a.m. until 3 p.m. Leading the discussion will be Dr. Miriam Isaacs, who will explore the roles of men and women in Jewish life. Dr. Isaacs teaches Yiddish culture and language at the University of Maryland and recently lectured at the Smithsonian on this subject. A knowledge of Yiddish is not necessary to follow the program.

In addition to the discussion and a bagel luncheon, there will be singing with Frieda Enoch of the Capital Klezmers, a popular Jewish music group.

There is no cost for the program and families with children are invited.

Mishkan Torah is located at 10 Ridge Road, Greenbelt. For directions call 301-474-4223.

### Presbyterian Church Offers Organ Recital

Organist Marvin Mills will present a program of works by African American composers Florence Price and William Banfield at the Berwyn Presbyterian Church, 6301 Greenbelt Road, on Sunday, February 27 at 3 p.m. Other works on the program are by Bach, Charles M. Wider and Joseph Jorgen.

The concert is jointly presented by Berwyn Church, the Potomac Chapter of the American Guild of Organists, and the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission. The program is free.

For information call 301-454-1450; TTY 301-454-1472.

### Free Chamber Music Concert at U. of MD

Evelyn Elsing, cello; Robert McCoy, piano; Victoria Chang, viola; and David Sainess, violin, join pianist Rita Sloan in presenting an evening of chamber music on March 4 at 8 p.m. in the Ulrich Recital Hall on the campus of the University of Maryland in College Park. Music to be performed includes the Bach G - Minor gamba and keyboard sonata, the Dvorak Slavonic Dances for four-hand piano, and Brahms G Minor piano quartet. Admission is free and the public is invited to attend. For additional information call (301) 405-5556 or e-mail to concerts@deans.umd.edu

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### Black History Session

A Black History Celebration, including entertainment, conference and luncheon, will be held at First United Methodist Church, 6201 Belcrest Road, Hyattsville, at 12:30 p.m. on February 27. The event is free but reservations are required. Call 301-985-5020.

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### Greenbelt Baptist Church

### Mental Illness Support Group

The National Alliance for the Mentally Ill will have its monthly family support group meeting on Wednesday, March 1, 7-9 p.m. at the Bowie YMCA, 3501 Moylan Drive in Bowie. For information call 301-322-1900.

### Lenten Meetings Held At Methodist Church

Starting March 8, Ash Wednesday, Mowatt Memorial Methodist Church will have meetings each Wednesday during Lent concerning the stages of the Cross — two each week. The meetings will start at 6:30 p.m. with soup and sandwiches.

A Good Friday service will be held on April 21 at 6:30 p.m., after which a prayer vigil will begin and continue for the next 12 hours. There will be no dinner served before this service.

These services are open to the community.

### Free Music Offered At Kennedy Center

The Afro-Rican Ensemble will play on the Kennedy Center's Millennium Stage on Saturday February 26 at 6 p.m. The Ensemble combines Afro-Caribbean music with jazz melodies and harmonies.

Wednesday, March 1 at 6 p.m., the third anniversary of the Millennium stage, the feature will be Big Bad Voodoo Daddy and Hot Club of Cowtown.

All programs are free.



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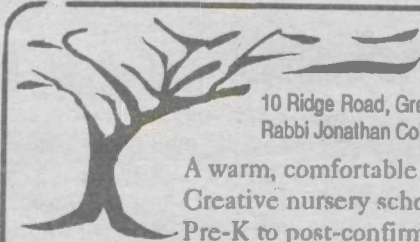
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STATION

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by an article by Kate Spencer of Berwyn Heights that highlighted the many rare species still existing in this remnant of the Hollywood Swamp, members of two local environmental bodies organized to form a new group, Citizens to Conserve and Restore Indian Creek (CCRIC).

During the course of the year CCRIC met with the three municipal governments, with state and county officials, with the office of the governor, with national environmental organizations that fund land acquisitions, and with representatives of Metroland Developers LLC. They hoped that a combination of public monies and the dedication of some of the land by the developers might result in preservation of the most significant portion of the environmental envelope. Spencer described this segment as a small piece of forest that is "a breeding site for many forest interior plants and animals."

CCRIC members continued regularly to attend meetings of the SMA task force, keeping their concerns, like those of the developers, before the planning group. Besides retaining the original forest tract in as natural a state as possible, CCRIC members hoped for renewal of the damaged area on the southern extremity of the Smith sand and gravel site and the possible creation of a nature center.

Critiquing the Draft

During the months of 1999 the SMA planning group participated in a process that planning department facilitator Monty Kolste describes as an innovation – offering citizen members the opportunity to assist in editing the report that would be the culmination of their work. Ultimately the report would go to the county's Planning Board and then to the District Council (the name of the Prince George's County Council as it sits on zoning matters).

Kolste described the feedback from community members as valuable to the staff. Although the process took longer, as the group engaged in what he calls "wordsmithing" as they tried to build consent "piece by piece," they were able incrementally to gain consensus on most issues.

At the first meeting of the year, on April 22, 1999, group members received individual copies of a book of 184 pages, plus appendices, that had been written by staff in outline form. This volume was the working draft of the Greenbelt Metro Area Sector Plan & Sectional Map Amendment. Lacking some supporting maps and other illustrations, it was incomplete, said Joe Chang of the Urban Design Planning Division of MNCPPC. Participants were given a deadline and asked to review the first 100 pages as carefully as possible—to provide feedback on the work as a whole and on any particular aspect of the plan.

On May 17 they met again to review a sheaf of pages containing comments submitted by members of the group. Al-

though further responses were invited for the record, participants were asked to postpone direct discussion of items in contention and before the next meeting to review and comment on the remaining pages of the draft.

In subsequent meetings in July, August, and September, certain items were never resolved. Environmentalists deplored the north-south roadway that was to provide access from Greenbelt Road to the Metro station. Greenbelters, recognizing its environmental impact, nevertheless saw it as crucial for maintaining a reasonable traffic volume on Cherrywood Lane.

Metroland spokesman Richard (Chip) Reed cautioned participants not to think "too small" about what might be envisioned for this prime piece of land, while John Krause, a Hollywood resident, worried about negative effects of a large development on his residential community. Elisa Hill, speaking for WMATA, insisted on a highrise design as close as possible to the Metro station, while Hollywooders deplored construction of any buildings over eight stories tall.

Plans to downzone an industrial area west of the railroad tracks in old Branchville conflicted with plans by a major employer there, Stone Industrial, to expand its operation. Ideas concerning Springhill Lake redevelopment varied between advocates of slow, incremental changes to those who lobbied for its razing and replacement with a high-tech office park.

At an August 12 meeting, Kolste chided the group for too much attention to detail. When individual developers present specific design plans, he reminded them, such concerns could be appropriately expressed in public hearings. In the SMA process, however, they were creating a statement of goals and objectives, of visions and principles. It was to be a guide, not a blue print, to decision making.

Beltway Access

The long-awaited report from the State Highway Administration, commissioned by WMATA, concerning the feasibility of a full interchange from the Beltway to the Metro site, was made public at last on June 30. According to SHA findings, federal guidelines could be adhered to concerning the spacing of such an interchange between Kenilworth Avenue and U. S. 1 and, in one of four design possibilities, guidelines concerning spacing between ramps could also be met.

In this design Cherrywood Lane would carry both east-bound and west-bound traffic into the Metro site. While the SHA study showed traffic projections on the Beltway in 2020 if the interchange were in place, it did not look at projections for local roads, including Cherrywood Lane – always Greenbelt's major concern.

In a second report three months later, SHA estimated construction costs for three different interchange designs as ranging between \$15 and \$40 million. Projected environmental impacts ranged between one acre of wetlands and three of floodplain in the most expensive design for the interchange

to three acres of wetlands and five of floodplain in the least expensive.

Shocked by these cost estimates and the environmental impact projections, Greenbelt city councilmember Thomas White backed away from the city's previous position that an interchange was indispensable. Mayor Judith Davis, concerned still about traffic impacts on Greenbelt's residential streets, which had spurred her earlier objection to phased development on the Metroland tract, insisted that without the interchange, the planning process would have to start from the beginning under a wholly new concept.

On October 11, shortly before the next municipal election, the issue came up with the entire Greenbelt City Council. Following discussion, council voted to write the Secretary of the Maryland Department of Transportation expressing opposition to the interchange. Dangerous traffic patterns on the Beltway, local road congestion, and environmental damage were cited as the major negative factors; but council added two others – a policy providing the use of public funds to serve private development, especially to one attracting more automobile transportation than transit riders.

New CCRIC Position

During the last two months of 1999 – Kate Spencer, CCRIC chairwoman, had apparently continued conversations with Chip Reed, representative of the Metroland Developers. According to a letter dated January 10, 2000 and directed to Reed, Spencer expressed interest in a possible compromise concerning the proposed development. CCRIC would be willing to relax "its opposition to the Beltway interchange" and to a modified version of the connecting north-south road, if these were "mitigated for," her letter said. In exchange the developers would have to confine their plans "to the Metro parking lot and the gravel mine."

The letter specified seven ways that such mitigation could be created. It also emphasized the crucial importance of "the vernal pond by the railroad tracks" and the northern portion of the wetland, where "many breeding amphibians" show "its connectivity to the forest." CCRIC hoped for State purchase of "these valuable Indian Creek wildlands," the letter said.

Future Calendar

In the meantime both Prince George's County and the State of Maryland put near the top of their lists of road improvement studies the projected Beltway interchange into the Metro property. These actions authorized the State Highway Administration to carry out preliminary engineering and environmental explorations.

The planning staff has had its own schedule of deadlines to meet. In January the revised report was delivered to the Planning Board and on January 13, 2000 the public facilities element of the report was then referred to the County Executive and the County Council. Following receipt of permission to print, expected in March, a public

Garden Seminars Will Be at Behnke's

Join Behnke Nurseries, at 11300 Baltimore Avenue in Beltsville, for free gardening seminars.

On Saturday, February 26, 10 a.m., Herbs in the Landscape will be presented by Jo Sellers from the Potomac Herb Society. Learn how hardy herbs tucked between stones and incorporated into formal planting can be fragrant and colorful additions to a garden.

Also on Saturday, February

hearing will be scheduled under the joint sponsorship of the Planning Board and the County Council. The likely date for this hearing will be sometime in June.

26, at 1 p.m., return for Rosemary, Herb of the Year 2000, as Susan Belsinger, a food writer and gardener, shares rosemary's long history and varied uses, as well as provides a cultural primer for growing this aromatic herb in the new millennium.

On Sunday, February 27, at 1 p.m., visit with Don and Ginny Spoon of Winterberry Gardens as they explore the jewel tones of both old and new varieties of Reblooming Irises and how they can enrich gardens in the spring and the autumn.

Seminars are held on the second floor of the florist building in Beltsville. Space is limited. Call Behnke Nurseries at 301-937-1100 for reservations.



ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON  
EDUCATION EDUCATORS AWARD RECEPTION  
MUNICIPAL BUILDING LOBBY - 2ND FLOOR  
February 28, 2000 - 7:30 P.M.

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REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL  
MUNICIPAL BUILDING COUNCIL ROOM  
February 28, 2000 - 8:00 P.M.

I. ORGANIZATION

- 1. Call to Order
- 2. Roll Call
- 3. Meditation and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
- 4. Consent Agenda - Approval of Staff Recommendations  
*(The consent agenda consists of those items which have asterisks [\*] placed beside them, subject to such revisions as may be made by the Council prior to approval.)*
- 5. Approval of Agenda and Additions

II. COMMUNICATIONS

- 6. Presentations
  - ACE Educators Award Ceremony
  - Millennium Communities Certificate
  - Presentation by Spiritual Assembly of the Baha'is
- 7. Petitions and Requests  
*(Petitions received at the meeting will not be acted upon by the City Council at this meeting unless the standing rules are waived by the Council.)*
  - Request from Greenbelt American Legion
- 8. Minutes of Meetings
- 9. Administrative Reports
- \* 10. Committee Reports

III. LEGISLATION

- 11. An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 12, "Parks and Recreation", by Adding a New Article VII. "Trees"
  - Amended, 2nd Reading
- 12. A Resolution to Establish a Tree Advisory Committee
  - 1st Reading

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

- 13. Request from Bicycle Coalition
- 14. State Legislation
  - Public Safety Technology Fund
- 15. Approval of Bus Shelter Locations
- 16. Street Resurfacing - Capital Projects
- \* 17. Response to WSSC Request
- \* 18. Reappointments to City Advisory Groups

V. MEETINGS

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NOTE: This is a preliminary agenda, subject to change. Regular Council meetings are open to the public and all interested citizens are invited to attend. For information, please call 301-474-3870. If special accommodations are required to make this meeting accessible to any disabled person, please call 301-474-8000 or 301-474-2046 (TDD) to request such accommodation before 10:00 am on the day of the meeting.

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## POLL

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Of 411 people answering a question about whether their job could be done by teleworking, 67% said there are parts of their job that could sometimes be done at home or in a telework center or satellite office. The largest percentage of questionnaire respondents who favor teleworking for themselves consists of people employed in the private sector (49%) followed by people employed by the federal government (28%).

Teleworking is not totally new in Greenbelt — of 80 respondents who telework, 60% said they had been teleworking more than two years. Fully 95% work at home. However, they do not telework that often: the greatest percentage (32%) say they currently telework less than one day a month, while 25% say they telework one to three times a month, and only 16% say they telework three or more times a week. Others currently teleworking do so only one or two days a week. Of respondents teleworking at least once a week, 63% say they have a commute of 15 minutes or less, and 72% say they have a commute of 10 miles or less.

As reported in the Prince George's Journal of February 13, the number of telecommuters increased by 65% between 1996 and 1998, according to the Metropolitan Council of Governments. COG estimates 12% of the region's workforce is currently telecommuting.

A bill, H.B. 1150, was introduced February 11 in the Maryland House of Delegates by Delegate Joan Pitkin to provide Maryland tax credits to employers providing teleworker benefits to employees.

## CENSUS

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mandated by law, and the information gathered through the census is vitally important in government decision-making, participation is declining. The mail-back rate of census questionnaires has declined from 78% in 1970, to 75% in 1980, to 65% in 1990. Greenbelt's mail back response rate in the 1990 census was 68%.

This year, the city of Greenbelt has accepted the '90 Plus Five challenge. Along with 30,000 other communities around the country, the city is challenging its residents to improve upon the 1990 mail back rate by five percent. This can only be done if every household in the city returns its census form by mail.

The Census 2000 short form will consist of seven questions, and will take less than 10 minutes to complete. One in six households will receive the long form, which will contain 34 questions. On each census questionnaire there will be a phone number to call if one needs assistance in completing the form.

Census information is confidential, and is strictly protected by federal law. The information contained on each census questionnaire may not be disclosed for 72 years. No government agency outside the Census Bureau may have access to this information. The U.S. Supreme Court has upheld the confidentiality of census responses. Violation of federal law regarding the disclosure of confidential census information is punishable by imprisonment and fine.

Census 2000 questionnaires will begin arriving by mail in mid-March. Take a few minutes to fill out this form and return it by mail. Help the City of Greenbelt meet its '90 Plus Five challenge. Anyone can monitor the mail back re-

## Women Win Big at Science Fair

by Mary Moien

The 2000 Eleanor Roosevelt High School (ERHS) Science and Engineering Fair was open to the community on February 16. More than 600 projects were exhibited in 14 categories. Of the five grand prizes awarded, all went to young women this year. The First Grand Prize was awarded to Erin Carnahan in engineering for Structural Joint Design in Truss Bridge Models. The Second Grand Prize was awarded to Jessica Webbon in physics for Fe Emissions from K-shell Vacancies; and the third to Karena Werth in medicine and health for HBO and the Lens of R. norvegicus.

The final two Grand Prizes were awarded to Dana Pinchotti in earth and space sciences for The Moon and Barometric Pressure and to Alicia Hines and Aatifa Khan in group projects for Resistance of Gram Negative Bacteria. ERHS Principal Dr. Gerald Boarman presented awards to all winners in a small ceremony as the auditorium has been unusable since a recent fire.

Although the science fair is open to all students, those in certain courses must participate as part of the class. These classes included Science and Technology (S&T), Biology and S&T Research Practicum, as well as Talented and Gifted Biology and Chemistry. The science fair was divided into the categories of engineering, botany, chemistry, and environmen-

tal sciences. Since ERHS is a Science and Technology Center, a great deal of emphasis is placed on the annual fair as a showcase for students' achievements in scientific research. Students are required to present their research plans to their teachers in the fall. The plan must include a hypothesis, procedures, and evidence of background research. Projects that involve human subjects, vertebrates, or dangerous chemicals require additional documentation. More than 100 judges took the time to review the submissions and interact with the students. Catherine Duff is the chair of the ERHS Science Department and Science Fair coordinator.

tal sciences.

The top three winners from each of the 14 categories will compete in the Area Science Fair April 7-9 at Prince George's Community College. The area fair includes students in both public and private high schools from Prince George's, Calvert, Charles and St. Mary's Counties. Usually more than 400 entries are included.

The streets crew began forming storage areas in the back yard at the Public Works building, using recycled concrete block.

## City Notes

The special operations crew continued work on Hanover Parkway, installing bollards and painting lines for the traffic circle. They also substituted for the Greenbelt Connection driver, who was on leave all week.

The horticulture crew removed dead pine trees on Crescent Road near the firehouse and St. Hugh's, and dead wood from trees in the park near the Mobil underpass. The crew also transplanted 1,000 begonia plugs to pots in the greenhouse and planted vinca seeds in the greenhouse.

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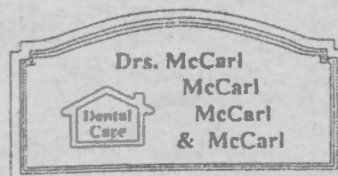
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# CRIME

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linked to there being fewer crimes or to a period of time when there were fewer officers available for patrol.

Greenbelt's clearance rate for cases investigated by the department was 22%, or, in other words, slightly more than one in five cases are solved. Cases are cleared when police have identified the offender and have evidence to charge and actually take the offender into custody, according to the comments. Cases are also cleared in exceptional instances when some element beyond police control prevented a formal charge from being made, such as the victim refusing to prosecute or not prosecuting locally because an offender is being prosecuted elsewhere for another crime. Greenbelt's clearance rate equalled that for the state and was well above the county clearance rate of 13% according to the comments.

The comments include a breakdown of statistics for arrests. Of the people arrested for crimes committed in Greenbelt: 45.2% were county residents living outside the city; 32.3% were city residents; 14.7% were out-of-state residents; 6.7% were state residents living outside Prince George's County; 1.1% had no fixed address; 78.1% were African-American; 18.1% were white; 2.2% were Hispanic; .98% were Asian; and .65% were other races.

The comments state that these demographics closely reflect those of past years.

## Automobile Offenses

The number of parking tickets issued has dropped for the third year in a row. The 1,244 issued is 62% less than the 3,240 issued in 1996. The police comments attribute this drop to a higher compliance with parking regulations, particularly handicapped violations, a violation for which the fine has been substantially increased. It notes, however, that the parking enforcement officer has been assigned other duties, such as administering the false alarm program.

Greenbelt suffered no traffic fatalities in 1999. Overall, traffic accidents totalling 1,115 were 3 less than for the previous year. However, personal injury accidents dropped by 10%.

## University Sponsors Free Concert

The University of Maryland Symphonic Wind Ensemble, under the direction of L. Richmond Sparks and Otis French, is presenting a concert on February 29 at 8 p.m. in the Colony Ballroom of the Stamp Student Union on the campus of the University of Maryland in College Park. There will be a special guest performance by the Herndon High School Band of Herndon, VA under the direction of Rich Bergman, member of the American Bandmasters Association and Maryland Alumnus. Music to be performed includes "Esprit de Corps," "Sonoran Desert Holiday," and "Summon the Heroes." Admission is free and the public is invited to attend. For additional information call 301-405-5556 or e-mail to concerts@deans.umd.edu

# POLICE BLOTTER

Based on information released by the Greenbelt Police Department. Dates and times are those when police were first contacted about incidents.

## Assault

6000 block of Springhill Drive, Feb. 16, 8:45 a.m., a 24-year-old male nonresident was arrested and charged with assault, theft, and possession of marijuana. A woman was dropping her child off when the man jumped into her vehicle, which was unlocked with the engine running, and attempted to drive away. The woman stepped in front of the vehicle in an attempt to get him to stop. The man then struck her with the vehicle and fled the scene. The victim's vehicle was later found in the parking lot of the Greenbelt Metro station, and the thief was found in a Metro subway car. He was positively identified by the victim and was also found to be in possession of suspected marijuana. He was released to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

## Impersonating an Officer

7500 block of Greenbelt Road, Feb. 13, 9:29 p.m., a woman had been shopping at Greenway Shopping Center when she was stopped by a dark green vehicle with flashing headlights but no overhead lights. A man exited the vehicle and told her that he had stopped her for having a cracked windshield. He then told her that she could pay the fine directly to him and that he would not write her a ticket. The woman gave money to the man who then left the scene. The suspect is described as a white male in his thirties, 5'10" to 6'02", with brown hair and a mustache; he was wearing a police-type uniform and a gun belt with a gun of unknown type in the holster. The suspect vehicle had the word "Police" lettered in yellow on the side.

## Drugs

6100 block of Breezewood Drive, Feb. 11, 11:11 p.m., a 20-year-old male nonresident was arrested and charged with possession of drug paraphernalia after he was observed in a vehicle parked in a fire lane and was found to be in possession of materials commonly used to package and ingest marijuana. He was released on citation pending trial.

## Unattended Children

9300 block of Edmonston Road, Feb. 16, 7:46 p.m., a 33-year-old male resident was arrested and charged with leaving children unattended after officers responding to a report of children playing with the 911 emergency line discovered two unattended children, ages six and ten, in the residence. The father was located and was released on citation pending trial.

## Trespassing

Beltway Plaza Mall, Feb. 12, 6:12 p.m., a 15-year-old male nonresident was arrested and charged on citation with trespassing after he was observed inside the mall after being banned from the property. He was released pending action by the juvenile justice system.

## Burglary Arrests

February 16 — As a result of investigation by the Criminal Investigations Unit, two burglaries

reported in the 9300 block of Edmonston Road and one in the 5900 block of Cherrywood Terrace during the week of November 14 were closed by arrest. Petition requests were filed for first degree burglary on a 16-year-old Capitol Heights youth and a 13-year-old New Carrollton youth.

## Burglary

6200 block of Breezewood Drive, Feb. 12, 5:18 a.m., a vacant apartment was entered by breaking out a bedroom window.

6000 block of Cherrywood Court, Feb. 15, 11:37 a.m., a vacant apartment was entered possibly by kicking in the front door.

5900 block of Cherrywood Terrace, Feb. 15, 10:27 p.m., entry was attempted, but not gained, by prying on the front door.

6100 block of Springhill Terrace, Feb. 16, 1:58 p.m., entry was attempted, but not gained, by prying on the front door.

## Vandalism

20 block of Crescent Road, Feb. 16, 9:15 a.m., a historical marker was vandalized.

## Vehicle Crimes

The following vehicles were reported stolen: a white 1986 Toyota van with Maryland tags M080783, Feb. 14, from the 7600 block of Hanover Parkway; a 1997 four-door Nissan Altima with Maryland tags FWS 844, Feb. 16, from the 6200 block of Breezewood Court; a gray four-door 1991 Toyota Camry with Virginia tags ZBM5282, Feb. 16, from the 6000 block of Springhill Drive; and a maroon four-door 1990 Toyota Camry with Maryland tags GYY 395, Feb. 17, from the 5900 block of Cherrywood Terrace.

## First Degree Murder Plea Entered in Court

George Trenton Bobbitt pleaded guilty to one count of first degree murder and one count of kidnapping regarding the shooting death of 23-year-old Zopporah Gonora Mack of the 9100 block of Springhill Lane. Mack had been killed on December 15, 1998 as she was attempting to enter her residence. Bobbitt was reported to have been a former boyfriend.

The guilty plea was made before Circuit Court Judge Herman Dawson in Upper Marlboro. Sentencing is set for March 3. According to Chief of Police James Craze, it is unusual for a defendant to plead guilty to first degree murder. He said that Bobbitt made the plea in order to avoid the death penalty and could receive a life sentence with the possibility of parole in 25 years.

According to an article in the February 16 Prince George's Journal by Josephine Daoust, Mack's family was surprised and

stunned to learn that there had been a plea agreement as the murder trial was supposed to get underway. State's Attorney Jack B. Johnson was reported to have justified the plea bargain on the basis that trials can be risky propositions that could leave the door open for trial errors, appeals, and a conviction overturned. Daoust said that the family, however, felt the case to be strong and were willing to "let the chips fall where they may."

The article also stated that Bobbitt, of Silver Spring, had stalked Mack and threatened to kill her several times before the shooting. As Mack was shot six times, her grandmother tried desperately to drag her inside the family's home.

## Metzler Paintings Displayed at UM

An anonymous donor has given an early painting, "Calvert Street Station, 1935," by Baltimore artist Karl Metzler to the University of Maryland art collection. Metzler is one of three artists whose work will be on display at the University of Maryland University College (UMUC) Inn & Conference Center through March 12 from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily.

Metzler, born in 1909 in Bremerhaven, Germany, immigrated to America in 1916 and was a longtime resident of Baltimore. His early artistic education took place at the Maryland Institute, College of Art in Baltimore. Following his formal education, he rented a studio on St. Paul Street and was an active member in the Charcoal Club and the Friends of Art. He later ran a gallery and art school out of his Baltimore home.

Metzler often portrayed figures isolated in a landscape or cityscape. His subjects include factories, trains and harbors.



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## Maryland Boy Choir Sings at Arts Center

by Joan McFarland

The Maryland Boy Choir, a 35-voice treble chorus based at the University of Maryland, College Park, will be in concert at the Greenbelt Arts Center, Saturday, March 11 at 8 p.m. The choir's repertoire spans several centuries and includes music in Latin, German, Hebrew and Italian as well as English. This season the choir will present several works to commemorate the 250th anniversary of Johann Sebastian Bach's death, along with American spirituals, music from England and popular pieces of the '50s. The choir, established in 1983, has performed throughout the metropolitan area in churches, concert halls and

the White House, with most of the large symphonic choruses, the National Symphony and the Folger Consort.

Since 1988, the boys have traveled throughout the eastern seaboard each spring, participating in musical festivals. They have earned top awards in their class as well as best choir at the festival. The choir embarked on its first concert tour last summer, on an invitation from the United States Ambassador to Romania, traveling to Bucharest and the Transylvanian region in June. The choir's 1995 Kennedy Center performance of the Benjamin Britten "War Requiem" with the Washington Chorus was released on a CD last year and has been nominated for best choral performance.

This year's choir includes three members from Greenbelt: Jesse Crowley, Peter Fleri and Patrick Hindsley, as well as singers from other towns in Prince George's, Montgomery and Howard counties, who range in age from 8 to 13. The choir is directed by native Greenbelter Joan McFarland and is accompanied by Michael Ely.

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The Prince George's County school system hopes to increase the number of students who participate in summer programs with a new publication about the programs, "Summer Search 2000: Expanding Educational Horizons."

## NOTICE

ATTENTION: DOG LOVERS. Sunday March 5, 2000 Greater Baltimore Akita Club's AKC sanctioned B-OB match at the AG Ctr., Westminster, MD. For pre-entry form call: 301-474-9118. Same day registration — OB - 9:30-10:30 a.m.; conformation — 10:30-11:30 a.m.; Judging: OB — 10:30 a.m.; Parade of Champions — 11:45 a.m.; Conf. — 12 noon. For more info, call or email Robin at 410-437-6824, kaksakital@aol.com.

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## Boys and Girls Club Basketball Round-up

by Coach Doug

This has been an interesting year so far and with just two games remaining in the regular season the league has been placed under a spell cast by the Wizards. The Wizards have completed their regular season without challenge, posting offensive numbers the likes of which this league has never seen. With the top two league scorers and solid play from others, the Wizards have again gained a bye in the first round of the annual double elimination playoff tournament starting on Wednesday, March 8 at 6 p.m.

The Wizards have finished first the past three years, receiving the bye each year. Mark Thompson is the only player to participate on all three of those teams. He is flanked by the other two returning players from last year, Evan Thompson (133 pts.) and Maurice Holmes (132 pts.) to form a highly polished offensive machine. They also lead the league in fewest points allowed at 7.5 per contest.

The remaining four teams complete their regular season games on Wednesday, March 1 at 6 and 7:15 p.m. at the Greenbelt Youth Center.

### First Game

The first game will involve the second most explosive team, the Raptors, averaging 15 1/2 points a game and the young Terps, the league's second most stingy defense, allowing nearly 16 points per game. Only two teams have scored more than 10 points against them, the Wizards (twice) and these same Raptors, once (12 pts.). The Raptors are led by top scorer Scott Muhammed (77 pts.).

### Second Game

In the second game we have the Manticores coached by first year coaches and life-long Greenbelt residents: Dave Gorman and Jonathan Schachter and team leader Shane Tucker (46 pts.).

They will clash with the Wolfpack guided by coach Leo McKay and leading scorer and honor roll student (B-average) Charles, (C.J.) Scites. The Wolfpack also have (A-average) honoree William Foerter on their squad.

The Intramurals other honor roll members from Greenbelt Elementary School (the only school to provide a list) are Kwame Carrion and Peter Schutz, both of the Raptors, (B-average). If there are others, and I'm sure there are, please inform league commissioner Doug Mangum and they will be included in the next intramural round-up.

With 50 kids participating in the program, 28 have scored. Ten of those participants have scored in double figures. Besides the scoring there are several players who have developed their passing, dribbling, rebounding and defensive skills.

We invited the public to come and see these sports buffs enthusiastically display their talents and efforts. Come join us for your local dose of March Madness.

League standings: Wizards, 8 - 0; Raptors, 4 - 3; Manticores, 4 - 3; Wolfpack, 1 - 6; and Terrapins, 1 - 6.

## BARC to Get Funds For Nutrition Center

Congressman Steny H. Hoyer and Senator Paul S. Sarbanes today announced that the Clinton/Gore Budget, which was presented to Congress recently includes \$13.3 million for the second phase of the modernization of the Human Nutrition Research Center at the Beltsville Agriculture Research Center (BARC).

"With this funding, the employees at BARC will finally have the facilities they need to do their job," said Hoyer. "I personally visited the current Human Nutrition Center and I saw the conditions they are forced to work with. The building has poor research facilities and experiences frequent power outages. The President recognized the need for an updated facility when he appropriated \$13 million for the first phase of the project last year, and now with this funding, the project can be completed."

"By beefing up the research facilities at BARC, we are providing our food safety and nutrition researchers and scientists with the most state-of-the-art equipment, thereby enabling them to help protect the safety of the foods that we eat and the plants that we grow," said Sarbanes.

The \$13.3 million will fund the second phase of this two-year building project. Planning and design work for the center was completed five years ago. The new building will include kitchen and dining facilities for human volunteers involved in nutrition research and medical exam facilities.

### Kids and Air Bags: Safety Tips

— Infants should NEVER ride in the front seat of a vehicle with a passenger air bag.

— Babies should ride in rear-facing infant seats in the back seat until age one AND at least 22 pounds.

— All children 12 and under should ride properly restrained in the back seat in age- and size-appropriate child safety seats.

— To correctly install a child safety seat, follow the vehicle owner's manual and the child safety seat's instructions.

— National Safety Council

### AARP Voters Guide

The American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) has published a Maryland voters' guide focusing on issues of concern to older Americans. These include Social Security, Medicare, long-term care, and patient protections in managed care.

The 12-page Presidential Voters Guide and its video counterpart feature unedited responses from the original eight major party presidential primary candidates to specific questions on these topics. For a free copy of the non-partisan AARP Presidential Primary Voters Guide, call 703-739-9220.

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## Greenbelt Boys & Girls Club

**Spring Soccer Registration at  
the Youth Center**

**Saturday, February 26, Noon to 3 p.m.**

**For more information call Michele Rue  
301-474-5395**



Elke Baker leads the fiddle section of the 36 musician Scottish open band at the Valentine dance at the Community Center on February 8. Liz Donaldson organized the program and led the band.



A Scottish folk dance is performed by a set of eight. Unlike many other folk dances, Scottish dances are performed at balls as well as less formal occasions.

—photos by Gordon Lattu

### Park Seeks Help

Greenbelt Park, a unit of the National Park Service, is seeking volunteers to walk the different trails in the park and report on the conditions of the trail. Other volunteers are needed to update and revise the park's web page. No training is available, so web page experience is essential. Volunteers are also needed to help answer

phones and greet campground visitors in a warm and friendly environment. Positions are available each week day in four hour shifts between 8 a.m. and noon and from noon to 4 p.m. For more information call Park Ranger Kevin P. Barry at 301-344-3944.



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